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ABSTRACT

This study reports the performance of former Los Angeles City College (LACC) students who transferred to the University of California (UC) during the 1975-76 academic year. Results of the study showed: (1) 250 former LACC students transferred to UC in 1975-76 and of these, 15% were eligible to have entered UC from high school compared to 41% of community college transfers statewide; (2) differential academic performance of LACC transfers as measured by grade point averages was slightly above that for all community college transfers (-.37 and -.40, respectively); (3) of those transfers attending UCLA (90%), 85% chose majors in the College of Letters and Science, 8% in the College of Fine Arts, and 7% in Engineering, with those in Fine Arts earning the highest grade point averages; (4) male performance at UCLA was generally superior to that of females; (5) 54% of the grades earned at UCLA were A's and B's while 10% were D's and F's; and (6) comparison of grades earned in various departments at UCLA by LACC transfers revealed highest average grades in foreign languages and lowest average grades in economics and physics. Eight tables of academic performance data are included in the report. (JDS)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

To assess academic performance of Los Angeles City College transfers entering the University of California 1975-1976 and to compare with past performance.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

The Office of Educational Relations of the University of California sends annually to L.A.C.C. a report of the performance of new L.A.C.C. transfers. The most recent report included individual grade reports for 1975-1976 entrants, together with a summary of performance of these students and some comparative information regarding transfers from all the California Community Colleges. The content and format of the report has undergone considerable change since the University inaugurated the "quarter system" in 1966. Comparison with earlier years is difficult for several reasons, among which are (1) different campuses of the University report statistics in different ways; (2) some figures include first quarter performance only, others include all work undertaken during the academic year; (3) some figures included Fall entrants only, others include all transfers through the year. For these reasons, some of the figures reported in the findings of the next section cannot be reconciled exactly with those of the UC report. Figures were obtained by a detailed analysis of that report and the accompanying grade reports. In spite of discrepancies indicated above, the overall conclusions of the report are believed reasonably accurate.

FINDINGS

Table 1 presents 1975-1976 comparative data for all community college transfer fall entrants, and for L.A.C.C. transfer fall and other quarter entrants to the University of California. Figures given in Table 1 show number of entrants, percent earning below a "C" average, percent earning a "B" average or above, grade point average at community college (cumulative), grade point average at the University of California (cumulative) and the differential in grade point averages. Since the GPA shown for all community colleges is for fall entrants only, the column entitled Fall Entrants for L.A.C.C. students is useful for comparison purposes.

Table 2 presents a summary over the last 17 years of some of the information corresponding to that shown in Table 1 for 1975-1976. Prior to 1966-1967 (the beginning of the quarter system at UCLA), UC grade point averages were based on first semester performance only. Since 1966-1967, UC grade point averages have been based on all courses taken during any of the three quarters.

Figures 1 and 2 present in graphical form some of the 17 year summary data, including some comparable information for all California community college transfers.

Table 3 presents data on the first year performance of all entrants from L.A.C.C. to the various campuses of the University of California. Table 4 presents data on the first year performance of fall quarter entrants. Table 5 shows the performance by L.A.C.C. transfers, a) the first year by fall entrants, b) the first quarter for fall entrants, and c) the first year by all entrants. Table 6 analyzes the transfers to UCLA (90% of the total), according to sex and college major.

Table 7 presents a detailed breakdown by departments of grades earned by transfers to UCLA. Table 8 shows, in rank order, grade point averages, earned in the departments with 15 or more enrollments.

TABLE 1 - Academic Achievement of L.A.C.C. Transfers and All Community College Transfers Entering the University of California, 1975-1976.

	L. A. C. C.						ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES		
	All Entrants			Fall Entrants			Fall Entrants		
	Elig.	Inelig.	Total	Elig.	Inelig.	Total	Elig.	Inelig.	Total
Number of Entrants	30	175	205	28	135	163	2466	3610	6076
% Below "C"	13%	24%	22%	7%	22%	20%	8%	19%	14%
% "B" Average or Above	53%	24%	28%	57%	25%	30%	43%	28%	34%
Community College G.P.A.	3.12	2.89	2.92	3.15	2.89	2.94	3.32	3.01	3.14
UC G.P.A.	2.97	2.42	2.53	3.00	2.48	2.57	2.88	2.62	2.73
Differential	-.15	-.47	-.39	-.15	-.41	-.37	-.44	-.39	-.41

TABLE 2 - Seventeen Year Summary of Academic Performance of LACC Transfers in Their First Year at the University of California

	Year	No. Trans.	% Below "C"	% "B" or Above	G.P.A. L.A.C.C.	G.P.A. U.C.	Diff.	Elig.
ELIGIBLES	1975-1976	30	13%	53%	3.12	2.97	- .15	15%
	1974-1975	37	16%	35%	3.18	2.69	- .49	14%
	1973-1974	67	12%	37%	3.03	2.75	-0.28	27%
	1972-1973	75	17%	40%	3.05	2.71	-0.34	41%
	1971-1972	40	10%	33%	3.08	2.80	-0.28	25%
	1970-1971	62	13%	27%	2.94	2.69	-0.25	46%
	1969-1970	37	3%	51%	2.97	3.05	+0.08	25%
	1968-1969	59	10%	42%	2.86	2.80	-0.06	30%
	1967-1968	59	10%	39%	2.97	2.79	-0.18	30%
	1966-1067	62	13%	15%	2.85	2.55	-0.30	26%
	1965-1966	62	24%	14%	2.81	2.33	-0.48	26%
	1964-1965	59	15%	24%	2.83	2.46	-0.37	24%
	1963-1964	53	19%	26%	3.01	2.48	-0.53	20%
	1962-1963	86	26%	28%	2.96	2.46	-0.50	39%
	1961-1962	87	25%	21%	2.86	2.43	-0.43	28%
	1960-1961	115	18%	25%	2.99	2.52	-0.47	37%
	1959-1960	129	19%	22%	2.93	2.50	-0.43	36%
INELIGIBLES	1975-1976	175	24%	24%	2.89	2.42	- .47	
	1974-1975	222	24%	28%	2.86	2.48	- .38	
	1973-1974	177	21%	25%	2.77	2.58	-0.19	
	1972-1973	107	13%	36%	2.95	2.68	-0.27	
	1971-1972	121	6%	43%	3.04	2.83	-0.21	
	1970-1971	73	8%	34%	2.93	2.73	-0.20	
	1969-1970	112	4%	30%	2.88	2.79	-0.09	
	1968-1969	138	5%	38%	2.86	2.74	-0.12	
	1967-1968	141	11%	26%	2.83	2.59	-0.24	
	1966-1967	178	15%	25%	2.82	2.54	-0.28	
	1965-1966	174	22%	19%	2.84	2.40	-0.44	
	1964-1965	189	19%	26%	2.85	2.48	-0.37	
	1963-1964	209	29%	17%	2.78	2.30	-0.48	
	1962-1963	139	17%	18%	2.85	2.41	-0.44	
	1961-1962	225	28%	14%	2.71	2.26	-0.45	
	1960-1961	192	31%	14%	2.84	2.27	-0.57	
	1959-1960	228	26%	15%	2.85	2.29	-0.56	
ALL TRANSFERS	1975-1976	305	22%	28%	2.92	2.53	- .39	
	1974-1975	259	23%	29%	2.90	2.51	- .39	
	1973-1974	244	19%	29%	2.83	2.63	-0.20	
	1972-1973	184	15%	38%	2.99	2.69	-0.30	
	1971-1972	161	7%	40%	3.05	2.82	-0.23	
	1970-1971	135	10%	31%	2.93	2.71	-0.22	
	1969-1970	149	4%	36%	2.90	2.86	-0.04	
	1968-1969	197	7%	40%	2.86	2.76	-0.10	
	1967-1968	200	11%	30%	2.87	2.65	-0.22	
	1966-1967	240	14%	22%	2.82	2.54	-0.28	
	1965-1966	236	22%	18%	2.83	2.38	-0.45	
	1964-1965	248	18%	26%	2.85	2.47	-0.38	
	1963-1964	262	27%	19%	2.82	2.34	-0.48	
	1962-1963	225	20%	22%	2.89	2.43	-0.46	
	1961-1962	312	27%	16%	2.75	2.31	-0.44	
	1960-1961	307	26%	18%	2.90	2.36	-0.54	
	1959-1960	357	24%	18%	2.88	2.36	-0.52	

FIGURE 1 - Grade Point Averages at LACC and UC of LACC Transfers to the University of California, 1957-58 to 1975-76 (First Year Performance by All Entrants)

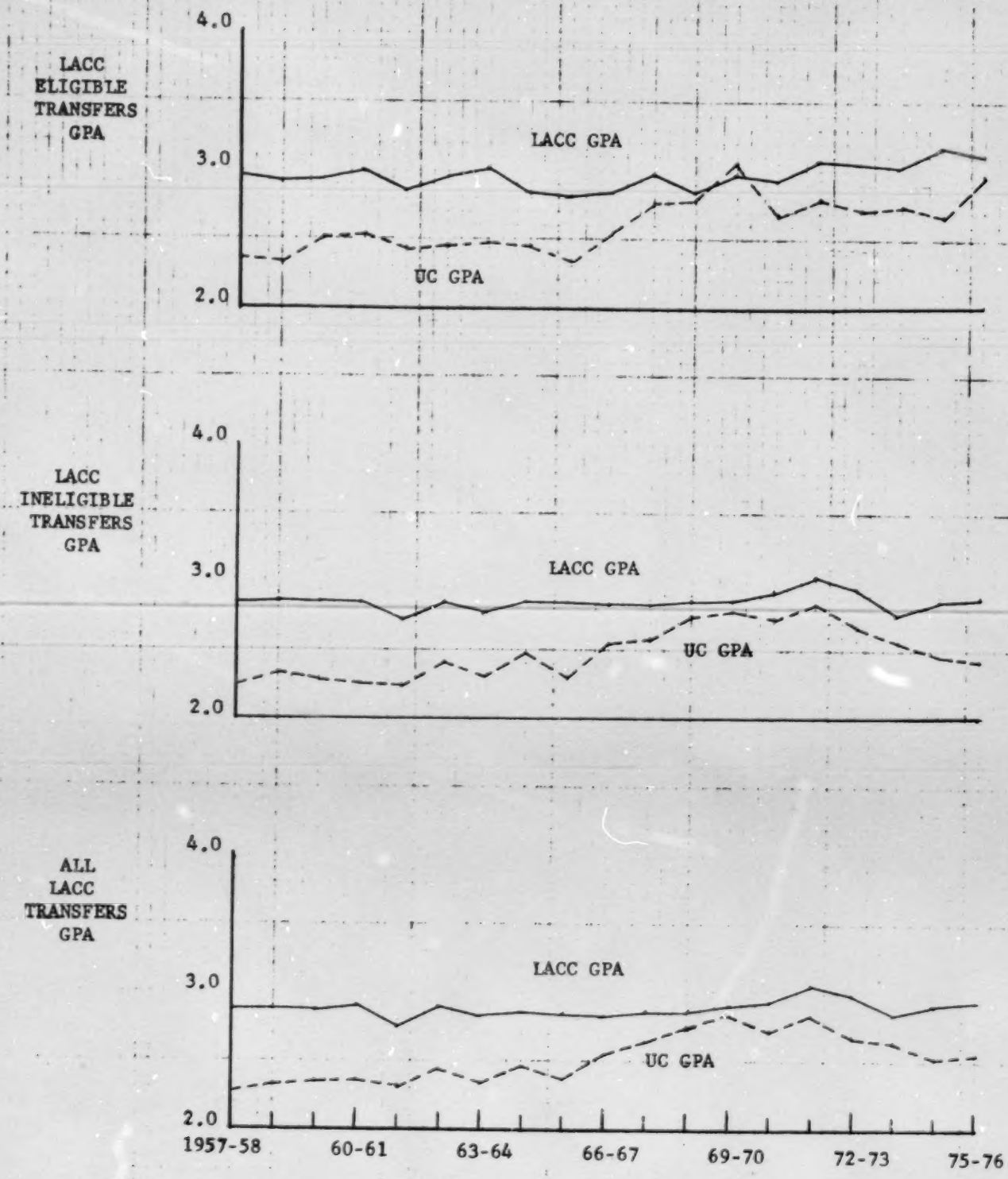

FIGURE 2 - Differential Between Junior College GPA and University of California GPA, 1975-76
(UC GPA - JC GPA) Comparison between LACC & All Californiaa Junior Colleges.

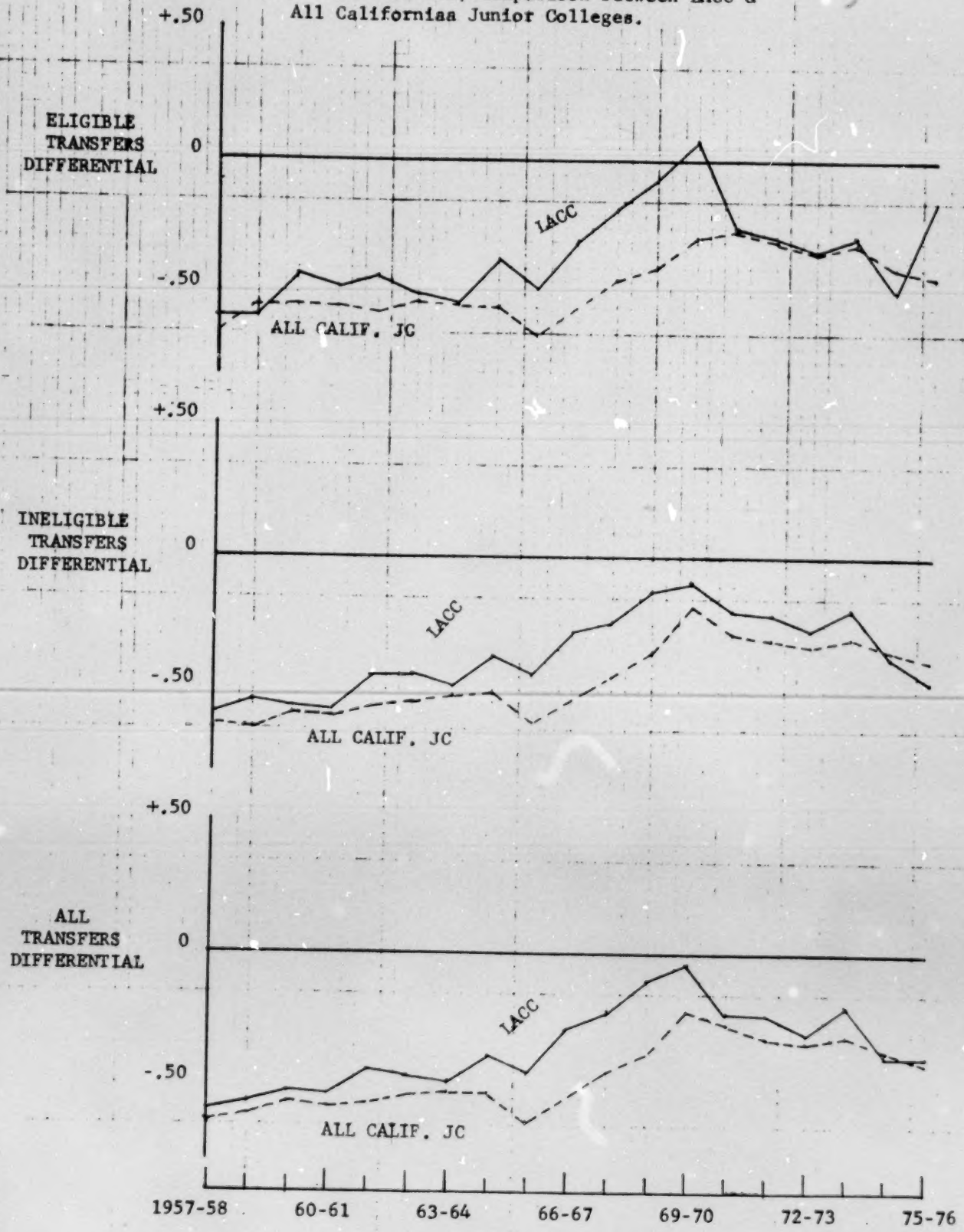

TABLE 3 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers Entering the University of California 1975-1976 Academic Year by Campus (First Year Performance by all Entrants)

Campus	No.	%	Grade Point Average			Units Attempted		% Below C	% B or Above
			LACC	UC	Diff.	LACC	UC*	UC	UC
ELIGIBLE									
Los Angeles	25	83.3	3.08	3.01	- .07	90.8	26.5	12.0	56.0
Berkeley	1	3.3	3.33	2.05	-1.28	70.5	48.5	100.0	0.0
Riverside	1	3.3	2.64	1.57	-1.07	16.5	12.0	100.0	0.0
Santa Barbara	3	10.0	3.40	3.23	- .17	76.8	28.8	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	30	100.0	3.12	2.95	- .15	86.2	33.1	13.3	53.3
INELIGIBLES									
Los Angeles	160	91.4	2.89	2.44	- .45	87.3	27.8	23.8	23.8
Berkeley	8	4.6	2.80	2.35	- .45	88.1	24.8	37.5	12.5
Santa Barbara	7	4.0	2.88	2.44	- .44	82.4	33.2	14.3	42.9
TOTAL	175	100.0	2.89	2.42	- .47	87.2	27.9	24.0	24.0
ALL STUDENTS									
Los Angeles	185	90.2	2.92	2.53	- .39	87.8	28.6	22.2	28.1
Berkeley	9	4.4	2.85	2.29	- .56	86.1	27.4	33.3	11.1
Riverside	1	0.5	2.64	1.57	-1.07	16.5	12.0	100.0	0.0
Santa Barbara	10	4.9	3.03	2.66	- .37	80.7	31.9	10.0	50.0
TOTAL	205	100.0	2.92	2.53	- .39	87.0	28.6	22.4	28.3

* Quarter units

TABLE 4 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers Entering the University of California 1975-1976 Academic Year by Campus (First Year Performance by Fall Quarter Entrants)

Campus	No.	%	Grade Point Average LACC	UC	Diff.	Units Attempted* LACC	JC	% Below C UC	% B or Above UC
ELIGIBLE									
Los Angeles	24	85.7	3.11	3.03	- .08	90.2	34.7	8.3	58.3
Berkeley	1	3.6	3.33	2.05	-1.28	70.5	48.5	0	0
Santa Barbara	3	10.7	3.40	3.23	- .17	76.8	28.8	0	66.7
TOTAL	28	100.0	3.15	3.00	- .15	88.0	34.6	7.1	57.1
INELIGIBLES									
Los Angeles	124	91.9	2.89	2.47	- .42	85.8	32.4	23.4	24.2
Berkeley	4	3.0	3.25	2.65	- .60	80.2	33.6	0	25.0
Santa Barbara	7	5.2	2.86	2.44	- .42	82.4	33.2	14.3	42.9
TOTAL	135	100.0	2.89	2.48	- .41	85.5	32.4	22.2	25.2
ALL STUDENTS									
Los Angeles	148	90.8	2.92	2.57	- .34	86.5	32.7	21.0	29.1
Berkeley	5	3.1	3.26	2.49	- .77	78.3	36.6	0	20.0
Santa Barbara	10	6.1	3.03	2.66	- .37	80.7	31.9	10.0	50.0
TOTAL	163	100.0	2.94	2.57	- .37	85.9	32.8	19.6	30.1

* quarter units

TABLE 5 - Academic Performance of LACC Transfers Entering University of California, L. A. 1975-1976

F A L L E N T R A N T S
First Year Performance (Fall, Winter, Spring)

	No.	%	Grade Point Average LACC	UCLA	Diff.	Units Attempted LACC	UCLA	% Below C LACC	% B or Above UCLA
Eligibles	24	16.2	3.11	3.03	-.08	90.2	34.7	8.3	58.3
Ineligibles	124	83.8	2.89	2.47	-.42	85.8	32.4	23.4	24.2
All Students	148	100.0	2.92	2.57	-.35	86.5	32.7	21.0	29.1

F A L L E N T R A N T S
First Quarter Performance

Eligibles	24	16.2	3.11	2.94	-.17	90.2	12.5	8.3	58.3
Ineligibles	124	83.8	2.89	2.54	-.35	85.8	11.1	14.5	35.5
All Students	148	100.0	2.92	2.66	-.26	86.5	11.1	13.5	39.2

A L L E N T R A N T S
First Year Performance (Fall, Winter, Spring)

Eligibles	25	13.5	3.08	3.01	-.07	90.8	26.5	12.0	56.0
Ineligibles	160	86.5	2.89	2.44	-.45	87.3	27.8	23.8	23.8
All Students	185	100.0	2.92	2.53	-.39	87.8	28.6	22.2	28.1

TABLE 6 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers to UCLA, According to Eligibility, Sex, and College of Major (Fall Entrants - First Year Performance, 1975-1976

College	Sex	No.	%	Grade Point Average LACC	Grade Point Average UCLA	Diff.	Average Units Attempted LACC	Average Units Attempted UCLA	% Below C UCLA	% B or Above UCLA
ELIGIBLES										
L & S	M	11	57.9	3.05	3.17	+.12	105.0	33.1	9.1	63.6
	F	8	42.1	3.12	2.96	-.16	80.0	35.8	12.5	50.0
(79.2%)	T	19	100.0	3.08	3.07	-.01	93.3	34.2	10.5	57.9
Fine	M	--	-----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Arts	F	1	100.0	3.17	3.00	-.17	44.3	44.0	0	100.0
(4.2%)	T	1	100.0	3.17	3.00	-.17	44.3	44.0	0	100.0
Engineering	M	4	100.0	3.28	2.85	-.43	86.9	34.8	0	50.0
	F	0	----	----	----	----	----	----	---	----
(16.7%)	T	4	100.0	3.28	2.85	-.43	86.9	34.8	0	50.0
TOTAL	M	15	62.5	3.10	3.08	-.02	98.7	33.5	6.7	60.0
	F	9	37.5	3.12	2.96	-.16	76.0	36.7	11.1	55.6
(100.0%)	T	24	100.0	3.11	3.03	-.08	90.2	34.7	8.3	58.3
INELIGIBLES										
L & S	M	51	47.7	2.77	2.23	-.54	88.0	30.4	39.2	11.8
	F	56	52.3	2.99	2.61	-.38	79.4	31.8	14.3	32.1
(86.3%)	T	107	100.0	2.88	2.43	-.45	83.5	31.1	26.2	22.4
Fine	M	4	44.4	2.84	3.11	+.27	98.5	38.0	0	75.0
Arts	F	5	55.6	3.09	2.99	-.10	90.2	40.4	0	60.0
(7.3%)	T	9	100.0	2.97	3.04	+.07	93.9	39.3	0	66.7
Engineering	M	7	87.5	2.87	2.34	-.53	106.0	41.1	0	0
	F	1	12.5	2.71	1.60	-1.11	114.8	40.0	100.0	0
(6.5%)	T	8	100.0	2.85	2.25	-.60	107.1	41.0	12.5	0
TOTAL	M	62	50.0	2.79	2.31	-.48	90.7	32.1	32.3	14.5
	F	62	50.0	3.00	2.63	-.37	80.9	32.6	14.5	33.9
(100.0%)	T	124	100.0	2.89	2.47	-.42	85.8	32.4	23.4	24.2

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TABLE 6 (continued)

College	Sex	No.	%	Grade Point Average			Average Units Attempted		% Below C	% B or Above
				LACC	UCLA	Diff.	LACC	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
ALL STUDENTS										
L & S	M	62	49.2	2.83	2.41	-.42	90.7	30.9	33.9	19.4
	F	64	50.8	3.01	2.66	-.35	79.5	32.3	14.1	34.4
(85.1%)	T	126	100.0	2.92	2.54	-.38	85.0	31.6	23.8	27.0
Fine	M	4	40.0	2.84	2.81	-.03	98.5	38.0	0	75.0
Arts	F	6	60.0	3.10	2.99	-.11	82.5	41.0	0	66.7
(6.8%)	T	10	100.0	2.98	3.04	+.06	88.9	39.8	10.0	60.0
Engineering	M	11	91.7	3.00	2.51	-.49	99.0	38.8	0	18.2
	F	1	8.3	2.71	1.60	-1.11	114.8	40.0	100.0	0
(8.1%)	T	12	100.0	2.97	2.43	-.54	100.3	38.9	8.3	16.7
TOTAL -	M	77	52.0	2.86	2.47	-.39	92.3	32.4	27.3	22.1
LOS ANGELES	F	71	48.0	3.01	2.67	-.34	80.3	33.2	14.1	36.6
(100.0%)	T	148	100.0	2.42	2.57	-.35	86.5	32.7	21.0	29.1
TOTAL -	M	3	60.0	2.95	2.16	-.79	64.7	41.3	0	0
BERKELEY	F	2	40.0	3.57	3.18	-.39	98.6	29.5	0	50.0
	T	5	100.0	3.26	2.49	-.77	78.3	36.6	0	20.0
TOTAL -	M	5	50.0	2.64	2.12	-.52	73.5	30.2	20.0	40.0
SANTA BARBARA	F	5	50.0	3.35	3.14	-.21	87.9	33.6	0	60.0
	T	10	100.0	3.03	2.66	-.37	80.7	31.9	10.0	50.0
GRAND TOTAL	M	85	52.2	2.84	2.44	-.40	90.2	32.6	25.9	22.4
	F	78	47.9	3.05	2.71	-.34	81.2	33.1	12.8	38.5
ALL UC's	T	163	100.0	2.94	2.57	-.37	85.9	32.8	19.6	30.1

TABLE 7 - Grades Earned at UCLA in 1975-1976 by L.A.C.C. Fall Transfers (Figures are enrollments)

Department	A	B	C	D	F	P	N/P	Inc.	Total	G.P.A.
Aerospace Studies	2	1							3	3.67
African	13	2	1						16	3.75
Ancient Near East					1				1	0.0
Anthropology	10	14	10	1	3	3		2	43	2.71
Arabic	3								3	4.00
Armenian	1	1							2	3.50
Art	13	24	2	2	1	2		1	45	3.10
Astronomy	1	2	2	2					7	2.29
Bacteriology		2	3	1	1				7	1.86
Biology	2	11	4	1					18	2.78
CED			1						1	2.00
CED History		2							2	3.00
Chemistry	7	13	21	6	2				49	2.35
Classics			1					1	2	2.00
Communication Studies	1	1	2					1	5	2.75
Dance	6	3	3					1	13	3.25
Economics	1	6	17	7	7	3	2		43	1.66
Education		2							2	3.00
Engineering	13	29	44	3	6			1	96	2.42
English	9	23	24	5	3	1		1	66	2.47
ESL	7	9	2		1				19	3.11
Folklore	3	2							5	3.60
French	8	5	2			2		2	19	3.40
Geography	3	5	17	2	3	3		1	34	2.10
Geology			3			1			3	3.00
German	1	2	4		1		1		5	2.50
History	26	61	42	9	3	8		2	151	2.70
Human Services	3	8	12		1				24	2.50
Humanities		2	1	1			1		4	2.25
Integrated Arts	1	2	1			2			6	3.00
Italian	3	3		1		2			7	3.14
Jewish Studies			1						1	2.00
Journalism		1							1	3.00

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Department	A	B	C	D	F	P	N/P	Inc.	Total	G.P.A.
Kinesiology		1	4	2					7	1.86
Linguistics	3	4	3	1	1				12	2.58
L & I Science	1	1	1			1			4	3.00
Management	4	2	5	1					11	2.91
Mathematics	16	14	24	6	6		2	2	70	2.42
Meteorology	1	2	1						4	3.00
Military Science	2	3	1						6	3.17
Music	16	13	11	6	1	3			50	2.79
Oriental Languages	19	18	4		1	1		1	44	3.29
Philosophy	3	6	10	5	2	1		3	30	2.12
Physics		4	7	1	3			1	16	1.80
Polish		1							1	3.00
Political Science	6	29	22	1	1			2	61	2.64
Portuguese			1						1	2.00
Psychology	13	24	33	10	5	1		3	89	2.35
Public Health				1					1	1.00
Russian	5		1						6	3.67
Sociology	13	21	32	1	4	2		1	74	2.54
Spanish	21	14	6	1		1			43	3.31
Speech		1	1						2	2.50
Subject A						2	2		4	----
Theater Arts	12	17	2	2	1	1			35	3.09
TOTAL	272 (21%)	414 (33%)	380 (30%)	77 (6%)	57 (4%)	37 (4%)	7 (1%)	26 (2%)	1270 (100.0%)	2.64*

*Incompletes not included in GPA

TABLE 8 - Grade Point Averages Earned by L.A.C.C. Transfers at UCLA, by Departments (15 or more enrollments) 1975-1976

Department	ALL TRANSFERS No. of Enrol.	G.P.A.
1. African	16	3.75
2. French	19	3.40
3. Spanish	43	3.31
4. Oriental Language	44	3.29
5. ESL	19	3.11
6. Art	45	3.10
7. Theater Arts	35	3.09
8. Music	50	2.79
9. Biology	18	2.78
10. Anthropology	43	2.71
11. History	151	2.70
12. Political Science	61	2.64
13. Sociology	74	2.54
14. Human Services	24	2.50
15. English	66	2.47
16. Mathematics	70	2.42
17. Engineering	96	2.42
18. Psychology	89	2.35
19. Chemistry	49	2.35
20. Philosophy	30	2.12
21. Geography	34	2.10
22. Physics	16	1.80
23. Economics	43	1.66
TOTAL	1135	2.71

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This study reports on the performance of former L.A.C.C. students who transferred to the University of California during the 1975-1976 academic year. Following are some conclusions from the findings of the study.

(1) 205 students transferred to the University of California from L.A.C.C. during the 1975-1976 academic year. Of these, (15%) were eligible to have entered the University from high school, and 175 (85%) were ineligible. This can be compared with a statewide figure of 41% eligible, 59% ineligible.

(2) Not included in the above totals (or in the study) are additional transfers "not charged" by the University to L.A.C.C. These include admission by "special action" and those who completed no work at the University.

(3) Differential performances (UC GPA - LACC GPA) for L.A.C.C. transfers (-.37) is slightly above that for all community college transfers (-.40). However, L.A.C.C. ineligibles differential performance (-.41) is below the statewide average (-.39) for the second consecutive year.

(4) 90% of the L.A.C.C. transfers attended UCLA with the remainder going to the other branches of the University.

(5) 50% of ineligibles were male, while 62% of eligibles were male. Male performance at UCLA was generally superior to that of females.

(6) Of those students from L.A.C.C. attending UCLA, 85% chose a major in the College of Letters and Science, 8% in Fine Arts, and 7% in Engineering. Those in Fine Arts earned the highest GPA.

(7) 54% of the grades earned at UCLA were A's and B's, while only 10% were D's and F's.

(8) Comparison of grades earned in various departments at UCLA by L.A.C.C. transfers reveals highest GPA's in Foreign Languages, lowest GPA's in Economics and Physics.

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